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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION

### 1. LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT:

(A) RADIO AND TELEVISION MAY 2-3 REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON CARTER'S INTERVIEW WITH EUROPEAN JOURNALISTS. LEADING CIRCULATION, PRO-GOP "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" OF MAY 3 HEADLINED ARTICLE THIS TOPIC, "CARTER SHOWS HIMSELF AS PRO-EUROPEAN." RE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUNISTS PARTICIPATING IN EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS, CARTER QUOTED AS SAYING, "THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF AMERICAN POLICY IN THIS AREA IS THE CERTAINTY THAT THE EUROPEANS ARE CAPABLE OF RESOLVING THEIR OWN POLITICS THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS."

(B) COLUMNIST MANUEL RODRIGUES IN CENTER-RIGHT "O DIA" OF MAY 3 SAID "THE LONDON ECONOMIC SUMMIT OFFERS EUROPEAN STATESMEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH THE U.S. PRESIDENT. SOME OF THEM HAVE NOT MET HIM YET, AND PERHAPS YOU COULD SAY THAT THEY ALL ARE SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN ABOUT HIM.. CARTER SHOWED A VITALITY  
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AND DYNAMISM DURING HIS FIRST 100 DAYS IN THE PRESIDENCY WHICH MADE IT DIFFICULT TO BE CERTAIN THE DIRECTION HIS POLICIES WILL TAKE." NOTING THAT CARTER WILL ATTEND ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING, WRITER SAID PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT EANES ALSO WOULD BE PRESENT AND "THIS WILL BE YET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR FURTHER PERSONAL CONTACTS WHICH CARTER'S PRESENCE WILL PROVIDE EUROPE."

(C) COMMUNIST "O DIARIO" OF MAY 3 PICKED UP LONDON  
SUNDAY TIMES PREDICTION THAT CARTER AND HELMUT SCHMIDT  
MEETING COULD BE "TENSE AND EVEN STORMY" BECAUSE SCHMIDT  
ALLEGEDLY DISLIKES U.S. POLICIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS, INFLATION,  
NUCLEAR SALES AND NATO EQUIPMENT.

2. CONSORTIUM LOAN: ALL MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO  
REPORTS THAT SEN. EDWARD KENNEDY WROTE PRIME MINISTER  
SOARES A LETTER STATING HIS "SUPPORT AND DEEP ADMIRATION"  
FOR SOARES' EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH "PRINCIPLES AND  
INSTITUTIONS OF A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC NATION." REPORTS  
SAID KENNEDY ALSO OFFERED HIS FULL SUPPORT FOR 300  
MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION OF U.S. FIRST-YEAR SHARE  
OF PROPOSED CONSORTIUM LOAN.  
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